

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gerd Löhn)
Serial No.: 10/089,711)
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For: ELEMENTS TO BE LINKED)
BY MEANS OF A SCREW)
CONNECTION, ESPECIALLY)
ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAL)
INSTRUMENT)
Group Art Unit: 2756)
Examiner: John R. Cottingham)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER


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Sir:

Enclosed is an English language translation of the international preliminary
examination report for PCT/EP00/09565.

Respectfully submitted,

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